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Duty, honor, country: Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, and what you will be. They are your rallying point to build courage when courage seems to fail; to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith, to create hope when hope becomes forlorn.

General Douglas MacArthur, on receiving the Sylvanus Thayer Medal at the US Military Academy, 12 May 1962

The 181st faced many challenges in the last several years. We continue to face challenges today. Racers have never backed away from a good fight; we just need to define that fight, so we can win. The battle of the past was securing missions, providing for our people, and ensuring our longevity. The current battle is equipping, training, and providing our Airmen the tools necessary to perform the missions we secured. These challenges require the appropriate leadership and support.

Tough times bring out true leaders. Everyone knows at least one. The boss you *want* to work harder for; the person who elevates the entire organization to a new level. Leaders have been around since the dawn of time. They inspire followers to displace personal goals in favor of higher-level goals; to be a part of something bigger than themselves.

First and foremost a leader must have a vision for the organization. People can't be led in a direction or elevated to higher goals if the person leading them does not know what those goals are. My goal with the 113th ASOS is simply stated. Become the pre-eminent Air Support Operations Squadron in the Combat Air Forces. Do this by providing the highest quality, best trained, and properly equipped, Battlefield Airmen to Combatant Commanders in support of the Global War on Terror. Every organization in the 181st has their own unique goals, but the common theme should be a mission driven vision to be a warfighter, or support the warfighter.

Who are our leaders? It is easy to point to Commanders, Senior NCOs, etc. They are the obvious choices when asked that question. Do the ranks of leaders include the MSgt who tirelessly trains his team in unconventional ways to make them better? The TSgt and SSgt who share techniques with peers and subordinates to help get the job done? The SRA who trains hard, excels, and comes home from Tech School with honors? The AIC who is the voice of reason and stops his buddy from being involved in any incident that would bring discredit to himself and our profession of arms? The answer, like any standard Air Force test, is all of the above. Every Airman in this wing has a role in shaping and performing the mission.

I look forward to the challenges ahead. Our Air Force is built on the backs of visionary leaders like Hap Arnold, Billy Mitchell, Curtis Lemay, and Robin Olds. They never shunned a challenge, we won't either.

The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor - Vince Lombardi

Don't tell people how to do things, tell them what to do and let them surprise you with the results - George S. Patton

DGS Update: One step away from operational

By SSgt Chris Jennings, 181st IW/PA

Photo by SMSgt John Chapman, 181st IW/PA

For more than three years, the 181st has been making its transition into an Intelligence Wing. A major piece to completing the transition is nearly complete, as a fully-operational Distributed Ground Station is only months away from being up and running. Once functioning, the 181st DGS will be a vital role in combat theaters globally.



"This has been an exciting time for the 181st Intelligence Wing," said Col. Chris Colbert, vice commander, 181st Intelligence Wing. "Our Airmen have continued to train and retrain for new missions and once the DGS is fully operational I know that "Racer" excellence will once again be felt throughout."

The base began its transition in May 2005 when the Base Realignment and Closure Commission decided to move the F-16 aircraft from Hulman Field, Terre Haute, Ind. Since then, new missions like the Distributed Ground Station have brought new technology and new positions to the 181st. Many 181st Airmen who have worked with aircraft for years are now looking at the most technologically advanced positions dealing with satellite imagery, analysis, communications and state-of-the-art equipment, in the Armed Forces.

SrA Jared Menestrina, a 25-year-old member from Terre Haute, Ind., recently

returned from his retraining at Goodfellow AFB, San Angelo, Texas and McConnell AFB, Wichita, Kan. Menestrina was one of the many 181st Airmen who went from working in the aircraft field to imagery analysis and are now returning to Hulman Field ready to jump into their new careers.

"The school was difficult, but I was prepared for it," Menestrina explained. "Getting involved with this new mission was one of the best things I've ever done. The job is exciting on a daily basis and I am ready to

briefings.

"It's been nothing short of phenomenal," Clark said. "We have more Intel personnel at the 181st right now than any other Guard base."

At the end of this month, Clark explained that the Intel mission will be fully-operational. Unfortunately, while fully manned and trained the facilities at Hulman Field aren't up and running quite yet, so the entire DGS will deploy to McConnell AFB, Kansas to get the mission functioning using their equipment. The 181st will then carry their mission back to Hulman Field when the base's equipment is ready. In the meantime, 181st Airmen will continue to train and some will return from their initial training.

"We have a tremendous number of full-time staff returning from their training at Goodfellow AFB and everyone is in very high spirits," said Maj. Matt Brown, commander, 181st Operations Support Squadron. "We have worked through training hiccups and we are nearly ready to be operational. That's what everyone is waiting for now."

The new mission's classified nature makes it difficult to explain to those outside the mission. The DGS works in tandem with several intelligence sources including unmanned aerial vehicles, manned aircraft and troops on the ground. Acting as central intelligence ciphering unit, DGS personnel at Hulman Field will be able to determine hostile threats and deal with those threats accordingly.

"Basically, when you see the highlight videos on places like CNN; that is what you will be looking at in these positions," Brown explained. "For example, everyone has seen the videos where you see the bombs going into a building, which is similar to the imagery. You can't get any closer to supporting the war efforts without actually having your boots on the ground."

The new mission has created several new positions and while many have been filled by Airmen retraining, there are still several positions available. The DGS currently has more than 350 personnel and once fully operational there will be more than 400.

The 181st has stepped into the highest technological age of warfare once again and when the DGS is operational it will be a 24/7, 365 days a year information hub for much of what goes on throughout the world.

be operational. Everyone around base is ready to be up and running and we are looking forward to putting our training into real-time situations."

Menestrina explained in minor detail the daily job duties, but much of what DGS personnel will be working on is classified information. After successfully completing his school, he worked within a functioning unit at McConnell AFB getting on-the-job training to sharpen what he had learned in school. Sometimes working long hours, Menestrina stressed how much he enjoyed the working environment.

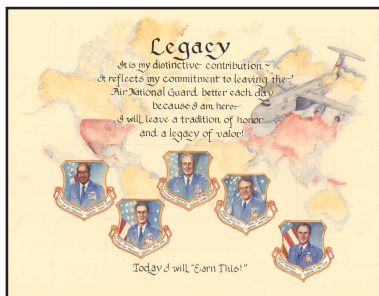
The successful training transition continues and Lt. Col. Kip Clark, commander, 137th Intelligence Support Squadron, has been impressed with wing personnel. He explained that the Airmen working in the Intel mission were once working in fuels, maintenance, Logistics Readiness Squadron or other areas on base and now they are giving Intel

Legacy

Legacy: Is my distinctive contribution — it reflects my commitment to leaving the Air National Guard better each day because I am here. I will leave a tradition of honor and a legacy of valor! Today, I will “earn this!”

The legacy you leave is the life you lead. You just never know whose life you might touch. What you do know is that you can make a difference. You can leave this world better than you found it. Your legacy is a result of determined doing.

Legacy is inspired leadership that unites all comrades in arms, rooted in the fundamental and enduring values of integrity, service and excellence.



Submission to Base News Article:

As John Maxwell, author of numerous books on leadership, said, “It’s been said that there are two kinds of people in life: those who make things happen and those who wonder what happened. Leaders have the ability to make things happen. People who don’t know how to make things happen for themselves won’t know how to make things happen for others.” He went on, “What you do with the future means the difference between leaving track record and leaving a legacy.” Legacies aren’t just wishful thinking. They’re the result of determined doing. The legacy you leave is the life you lead. You just never know whose life you might touch. What you do know is that you can make a difference. You can leave this world better than you found it.

A legacy comes from the idea that everyone, regardless of rank or position, can make a difference. Legacies encompass the past, present and future, and force us to consider where we have been, where we are now and where we’re going. A quest to leave a lasting legacy is a journey from success to significance.

By asking ourselves how we want to be remembered, we plant the seeds for living our lives as if we matter. By living each day as if we matter, we offer up our own unique legacy. By offering up our own unique legacy, we make the world we inhabit a better place than we found it. When we choose to lead every day, we choose aspirations of long-term significance over short-term measures of success. It takes courage to lead. It takes courage to make a life. Courage, like leadership, is a choice.

Above All, our legacy is defined in how we defend America. We do this by dominating air, space, and cyberspace. It is part of our warrior ethos -focused *culture, conviction, character, ethic, mindset, spirit, and soul* we foster in all Airmen. It’s the pride in our heritage, the recognition that our Nation depends on us to dominate air, space and cyberspace, and our willing acceptance of the burden of those immense responsibilities.

It is our distinctive contribution that reflects my commitment to leaving the Air National Guard better each day because I am here! I will “Earn This”!

Doing the Lord’s work at the SOUTH POLE

By Lt Col William Yates, 181st IW/HC



I am writing this note from McMurdo Station in Antarctica. My duties include ministering to personnel at the South Pole. The new station was dedicated in 2007. Everything needed to build it was hauled on Air National Guard LC-130H skibirds. It’s an amazing feat!

Once you’re on the polar plateau, the mountains and glaciers collapse into a flat and monotonous plain. The horizon blurs into the snow fields for what looks like an infinite ocean of white and grey. A researcher at a field camp there once said: “I went for a walk to check out the view, but then I realized that unless I go another 500 miles, it’s kind of pointless – it all looks the same!”



On my way to the Pole, I was on the flight deck taking pictures out the cockpit windows. I glanced at the gauges and noticed that all the compasses were pointing north. “That’s weird,” I thought. So I tapped the aircraft commander on the shoulder and asked: “Why are we heading north if we’re going to the South Pole?” He immediately opened up the intercoms — called his navigator, flight engineer and crew chief. He acted like there was an in-flight emergency. I’m listening to all the chatter as they blamed everyone and his brother for the mistake. This went on for a short time until suddenly everything stopped, things got quiet, and they all started laughing. They were just messing with me. That day I learned the Air National Guard can do something no one else can do: we can fly “north” to reach the South Pole. Amazing!

Actually, no one uses a compass in Antarctica. They go haywire because the magnetic South Pole is off the continent in the Southern Ocean, far north from where we operate. So the Air Force has imposed an artificial circular grid over the entire continent below 60° S. That way all planes can fly a heading of 360° “due north” and end up at the South Pole.

I will never forget that simple solution to Antarctic navigation. It also illustrates a spiritual value. Character has been defined as: “One’s moral compass: those qualities of moral excellence which move a person to do the right thing despite pressures or temptations to the contrary.” There are many pressures and temptations in life that will operate on you like Magnetic South – trying to pull you in the wrong direction, take you out to sea and possibly drown you. But when we overlay our lives with a moral grid (“True North”) then we can navigate any territory and be able to arrive at our proper destination.

There is a saying, “Knowing what to do must be translated into doing what you know.” It’s not always easy to sort that out. Life can get confusing and complex. We wonder, “Which way should I go?” If you are dealing with a problem like that, stop by or call us. As fellow travelers, seeking to follow True North, we’re there to listen, support and help.

CCAF graduates for 2009

By SSgt Chris Jennings, 181st IW/PA

Photos by MSgt John Day, 181st IW/PA

The Community College of the Air Force offers job-related associates in applied science degrees and other academic credentials that enhance mission readiness, contribute to recruiting, assist in retention and support the career transitions of Air Force members.

This year's graduates successfully completed the CCAF requirements within their career field and are contributing factors to the base's overall success. Brig. Gen. J. Stewart Goodwin attended the graduation ceremony at Hulman Field, Terre Haute, Ind., on Feb. 7, 2009 and spoke about the 181st Airmen's achievements.



Congratulations to the newest CCAF graduates



L to R: 1st Row: MSgt Jeffrey McCullough (137IS), SSgt Gary Blinebury (181IW). L to R: 2nd Row: MSgt Nina Mason (181 MSF), MSgt Shelly Hart, (181 LRS). L to R: 3rd Row: Thomas Carey (181MSF), SSgt Richard Gaddie (181 LRS). Individual not present: TSgt Amber C. Jensen (IW), TSgt Joshua S.Minix (OSS), SSgt Alfred J. Cannin (113 WF), SSgt Kassandra K. Monroe (MDG), SSgt Todd E. Morphis (OSS), SSgt Dara L. Orman (SVF), SSgt Kelli B. Wietlisbach (MDG), SrA Ramiro D. Diaz (CES), SrA Evan D. Hill (IW).



FAMILY READINESS GROUP

Mr. Johnny Saylor 181st Intel WFPC



Spring time in the valley



We were informed that the groundhog saw his shadow so there will be six more weeks until spring. By the time most of you receive this there will only be a week or two left. We, unlike the groundhog, cannot always see with such accuracy what the weather will be like. Last year, June started off with a lot of rain in the Valley and many of our members were adversely affected. We all came to the aid of each other in that time of need. Like last year, we have a lot of members at technical school or deployed to all parts of the world. If you know of deployed member's family that is close by, stop and see if any help is needed. Continue the outstanding tradition of Racers helping Racers. Additionally, as we head into this spring season we ask that each of you continue to think about safety as we get the opportunity to go outside and start our annual home fix up and lawn repair projects.

"Kids AT" is scheduled for 21-27 June 2009 at Camp Atterbury. If you need an application drop by the FRG office or send an email and I will get you the forms. The FRG is still offering our scholarship for all those

who attend and will pay back half the registration fee. There is also a program to help support those who cannot afford to pay for their children to attend.

Finally, we will be planning our workshops and activities in the next few meetings. Please join us on Saturday of the drill weekend in the Wing conference room from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Mr. Johnny Saylor
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WFPC

Word from the FRG Chairperson

Greetings! Have you ever thought about joining the 181st Family Readiness Group? My reason for joining was because after serving for 26 years, I retired from the military, but I wasn't ready to totally give up all connections with the base. Volunteering with the FRG is a way to stay involved with my extended family. Even though it's been almost five years since I retired, I enjoy seeing familiar faces and making new friends each month.

All military personnel are automatically members of the FRG. Anybody important to a military person is welcome to join us. Our current group includes retirees, spouses, parents, and friends of our military members. Some make it to each monthly meeting; others come to just a few whatever fits into their schedule. Meetings last about an hour.

We're here to assist families with whatever their needs might be. Some activities we're involved with include: planning and holding fundraisers with the money being geared towards kids' activities and volunteering to assist with base activities (fun run, family days, base picnic, etc.)

President Obama is encouraging Americans to become involved in their communities. Mrs. Obama is very interested in helping military families. Please visit us and see what the military community is all about. We meet at 1000 each Saturday of drill in the Wing Conference Room, Building 18. The door is always open!

Ms. Dodie Halter
FRG President

First Sergeant Vacancy

First Sergeant Applications are now being accepted to fill vacancy/manning in the 181st Medical Group. The duties of the First Sergeant are to advise and assist the Commander in maintaining discipline, standards, and exercise general supervision over all assigned enlisted personnel. The First Sergeant also provides guidance to the enlisted force on matters of leadership, military courtesy, personal appearance and self-discipline. First Sergeants consult with Commanders to ensure all supervisors are setting an appropriate example for their subordinates and are taking the necessary actions to ensure all personnel adhere to standards.

The mandatory non-waiverable qualifying criteria for the position are as follows:

1. The selected individual will be required to complete the First Sergeant's Academy, (FSA) within the first 12 months after assignment into this position. FSA is a two-week course held at Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2. Individual must have the ability to speak clearly and distinctly.
3. Individual must have completed the NCO Academy Course (in-residence or by correspondence)
4. Individual must currently hold the rank of Master Sergeant (or be an immediately promotable Technical Sergeant).
5. Individual must possess a 7 or 9 skill level in **any AFSC**.
6. Individual must agree to a tenure of no less than 3 years after completion of FSA.
7. Individual must meet minimum weight and body fat standards, with minimum physical profile PUL HES 333231.
8. Individual's overall image must exceed minimum standards.
9. Individual must be financially stable.
10. Individual must have minimum ASVAB scores of A-41, and G-62.

To apply for this position, send a resume (to include letters of recommendation, personnel RIP and FIT test score) to Command Chief Master Sergeant Henry Mook. Applications must be submitted no later than the close of business, Sunday 5 Apr 09. Interviews will be conducted during the May 09 UTA, with final interviews by the Medical Group Commander. Questions may be directed to CCMSgt Mook at ext. 568.

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Looking for the web version of the Racer Flyer? Just type the following in your internet browser: <http://www.181iw.ang.af.mil>

This is a slimmed down version of the printed Racer Flyer. The web site is a "Public Site". With that said, we need to make sure the web version meets certain standards.

Moving or Retiring?

Still want to keep receiving the Racer Flyer? Contact SSgt Lucille Brown at 877-5268 or email: lucille.brown.1@interr.ang.af.mil with any address changes.

You don't want to miss an important issue!

What to do during RETREAT

Each Sunday of the UTA the Wing observes retreat. This occurs at 16:15, the bugle call "retreat" is sounded followed by the National Anthem. This is broadcast over the Base Public Address System. Many folks have approached me as to what to do and when so here are some pointers. If you are inside and hear Retreat, face the flag or the music and come to the position of Parade Rest. Upon the first note of the National Anthem come to the position of Attention.

If you are outside upon the first note of Retreat face the flag or the music and come to the position of Parade Rest. Upon the first note of the National Anthem come to the position of Attention and immediately Present Arms (hand salute) until the Anthem ends. If driving upon the first note of Retreat stop your car and sit at the position of Attention, until the National Anthem ends. You may get out of your car and render the proper courtesy, but it is not mandatory. You then may continue on your way.

The reason we do this is to signify the end of the duty day and pay proper respect to the United States Flag. During the Friday night commander's meeting a squadron will be picked to lower the flag in front of Headquarters. If the weather is severe, the flag will be lowered, and folded inside, otherwise folding will take place at the base of the flag pole. This is an honor to lower and fold the base flag, it's not a chore. Many a brave soul has gone before us in honor of this flag and it's our duty to treat it with pride and the respect it deserves.

Major John Puckett



RACER PHOTO GALLERY



SSgt Curtis Peterson, 181 CF, uses a TS19 test set during installation of a new phone line. *Photo by MSgt John Day*



"I can't drive 55". Watch your speed on base, Security is watching. *Illustration by SMSgt John Chapman*



SSgt Cindy Poole, 181CF(deployed), stands next to Donald R. Pettit, Mission Specialist, from the STS-126 mission. Other members of the STS-126 were able to meet with personnel from the base and educate them on the NASA mission. *Photo submitted Capt John Petrowski*



CCMSgt Henry Mook, 181IW, takes part in the Welcome Home Ceremoy at Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind., along with other members of the 181st who deployed last year. *Photo taken by SGT David G. Bruce*



181st members take advantage of the new base fitness center. Patriot Flight enjoys a nice morning workout. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



Maj Joseph Hinkel, LRS Commander, re-enlist SSgt Brock Goodman, LRS/LGRF during January UTA. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



Lt Col Craig Haggard, Det 1, congratulates Brooke Carnahan on her enlistment into the Ind Air National Guard. *Photo by MSgt Andrew Van Ness*



SSgt Brandi Larson, MDG, draws blood from TSgt Charles Headlee, 181ISS, during his PHA. *Photo by MSgt John Day*



181st members are honored at Welcome Home Ceremony at Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind. *Photo taken SPC William E. Henry*



NFL Military Challenge

With Oahu's Diamond Head as the backdrop, 1st Lt. Mike Maynard prepares to make one of his nine field goals Feb. 7 during the NFL Military Challenge in Hawaii. Lieutenant Maynard garnered second place in the competition, helping the Air Force win the NFL Military Challenge for the fourth consecutive year. Senior Airman Winston Jackson, who helped the Air Force capture first place in three other competitions, was the holder. (U.S. Air Force photo/Mark Munsey) *For complete story go to: www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123135088*



Sorenson visits Lackland

Air Force-sponsored NASCAR driver Reed Sorenson shoots an M-16 rifle at the 342nd Training Squadron proficiency range at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, Jan. 29. (U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Scott Reed) *For complete story go to: www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123134833*

Deadline approaching for Air University's online master's program

If you've been toying with the idea of getting your master's degree, time is running out on one of the best deals around and it is virtually free. *For the complete story go to: www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123134904*



Heads of reserve components discuss issues; Guard leaders point to successes and challenges for the future

Maj. Gen. Raymond W. Carpenter, special assistant to the director of the Army National Guard, talks about the effectiveness of the Guard's Agriculture Development Teams in Afghanistan at the reserve component chief's panel discussion at the Reserve Officers Association's Annual Mid-winter Conference and Reserve Component Expo Feb. 3 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington. He's flanked by Maj. Gen. Emmett R. Titshaw Jr. (left) of the Air National Guard.; and Maj. Gen. Kelly K. McKeague (right), chief of staff at the National Guard Bureau. (Photo by Master Sgt. Greg Rudl, National Guard Bureau.) *For the complete story go to: www.ang.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123134006*



New Air Guard director promoted in Pentagon ceremony

Lt. Gen. Harry M. Wyatt III, center, is pinned by Gens. Norman A. Schwartz, left, Air Force chief of staff, and Craig R. McKinley, chief of the National Guard Bureau, during a ceremony at the Pentagon, Monday, Feb. 2, 2009. Wyatt was recently named the director of the Air National Guard, and previously served as the adjutant general of the Oklahoma National Guard. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Jon Soucy)(Released) *For the complete story go to: www.ang.af.mil/news/story_media.asp?id=123133699*



NEW RACERS



Michael Conway
SFS



James Middleton
IS



Alan Griffith
IS



Matthew Mook
ASOS



Michael Mullen
OSS



Amber Davis
SVF



Justin Muller
IS



Suzette Crawford
CES



Ethan Hopkins
SFS



Derrick Goodman
CES

MISCELLANEOUS

181st Promotions



William J. Holloway



Angela R. Young
Benjamin W. Knowles



John D. Asher
Christopher J. Lamb
Alexandra O. Miller
Joshua C. Rector



Mark E. Emond, Sr.



James D. Brown



Joshua A. Ashby



Bryan Debshaw
Jay Dunn
John Jensen



Brig. Gen. F. Andrew Turley, Air National Guard Assistant to The Command Staff Judge Advocate, Air Combat Command based out of Langley Air Force Base, visited the base JAG office on February 8 to conduct a "Mini-Article 6 Visit". He met with base leadership, discussed current legal issues and future legal challenges. Gen. Turley enjoyed a tour of the base, as well as, gaining additional information on the Intelligence and Air Support Operations missions. *Photo by MSgt John Day*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissary and AAFES (BX/PX) Site Sale "Mark Your Calendars"

Who is Eligible: Valid Military ID Card, Holders and Their Dependents **When:** Saturday 7 March 2009 **From:** 0800 - 1630 **Where:** 181st Intel Wing, Building 1 - Hangar, IN ANG - TH Inter. Airport **Questions:** call 812-877-5350

March of Dimes - March for Babies

When: Saturday, 25 April 2009 **Starts:** 0800 **Where:** ISU Memorial Stadium **POC:** MSgt Winnie Weaver **Questions:** call 812-877-5315

Free Tax Prep for Military Members

When: March 7 and April 4 **Time:** 0900-1500 **Where:** Hulman Field (Appointment required, may take walk-ins) **POC:** 1st Lt Randi Brown, 812-877-5658, randi.brown@interr.ang.af.mil **Services provided by:** St. Mary of the Woods, IRS Certified

46th Annual ANG Bowling Tourn.

Who is Eligible: (a) Current and retired members of the ANG, spouses, and immediate family members over 18(parents, children, grandchildren, siblingsonly). (b) Current and retired AF Advisors of the ANG, spouses, and immediate family members over 18(parents, children, grandchildren, siblingsonly). (c) Current and retired employees (state and fedreal) of the ANG, spouses, and immediate family members over 18(parents, children, grandchildren, siblingsonly). Eligible USBC members will be automatically extended award recognition. Eligible nonmembers may qualify for USBC award recognition by purchasing an USBC affiliate membership before participation. USBC rule 301 does apply. **Entry:** Deadline for event is 10 April 09 **When:** May 6th-10th (bowling on 8th/9th) **Where:** Des Moines, Iowa **Questions:** POC: SMSgt John Chapman/877-5471

14th Annual ANG Bass Tourn.

Who is Eligible: This is an Air National Guard sanctioned event and we must abide by the guidelines of ANGI 34-107. Only Air National Guard, retirees of the Air National Guard, state and federal employees assigned to an Air National Guard unit, Active Duty assigned to an Air National Guard unit, and immediate family members (spouse, son, daughter, mother, father, brother or sister). **Anyone who falls into the immediate family category must bring a picture I.D. and certified copy of their birth certificate.** If proper identification is not presented, you will not be permitted to participate in the tournament. **Entry:** Deadline for event is 15 April 09 **When:** April 27 and 28 practice days, competition days are 29 and 30. **Where:** Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park **Questions:** For information on this tournament go to: www.angbasstourney.com/1.html

Tech School Top Performers

Congratulations to the following Airmen for being recognized for their hard work and dedication at their respective Technical Schools:

MDG:

SSgt Jessica Ellis:	Distinguished Graduate, Academic Achievement Award
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ISS:

MSgt JD Brown:	Distinguished Graduate
MSgt Clark Lohse:	Distinguished Graduate
MSgt Randy Sloniker:	Distinguished Graduate
TSgt Mike Wade:	Distinguished Graduate
SSgt James Platten:	Distinguished Graduate
SrA Michael Huffman:	Top Graduate

CFT:

Capt John Petrowski:	Distinguished Graduate, Honor Graduate
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ASOS:

MSgt John Mehringer:	AETC Commander's Award
TSgt Kevin Brooks:	Distinguished Graduate
TSgt Daniel Howard:	AETC Commander's Award; Distinguished Graduate
SSgt Darren Beanland:	300 PT Award
SSgt Robert Clugh:	ALS Levitow Award; 12 Mile Ironman Ruck Award, Honor Graduate
SSgt Anthony Hobson:	Distinguished Graduate
SrA Garrett Ames:	12 Mile Ironman Ruck Award, Honor Graduate, 300 PT Award

Quarterly Award Winners

Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Quarter
MSgt Paul A. Lybarger

Non-Commissioned Officer of the Quarter
SSgt Talia M. Garzolini

Airman of the Quarter
SrA Daniel L. Myers

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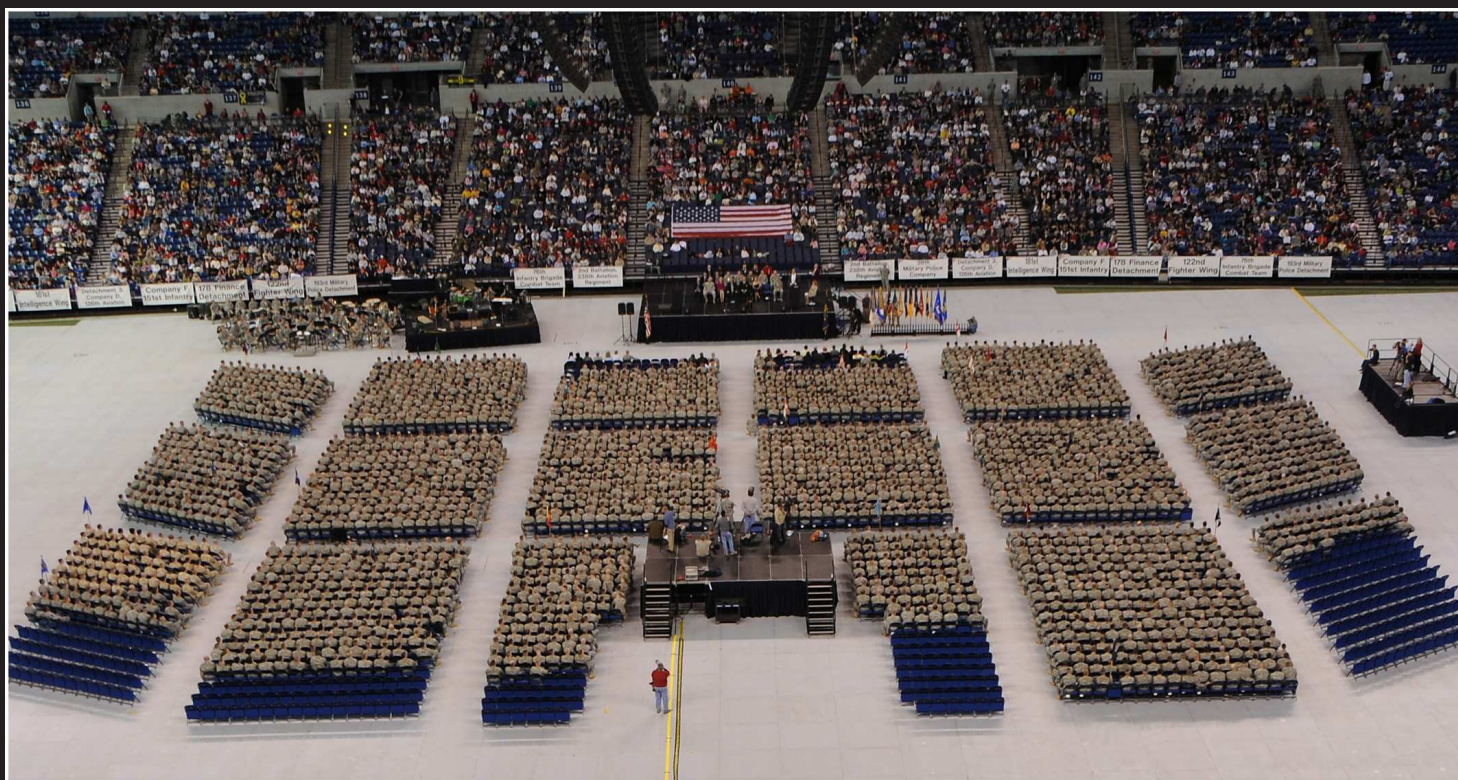
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WELCOME HOME CEREMONY

Members of the 181st Intel Wing, along with members of the 122nd FW and IN Army National Guard Units were honored with a Welcome Home Ceremony at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana on Jan 31, 2009. Gov Mitch Daniels and Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger spoke to the 3000+ Soldiers and Airmen who deployed in 2008. *Photo taken by SPC William E. Henryen.*